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SUBJECT: TURKISH CYPRIOT ATTENDANCE AT UN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION (HRC)

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1. TURKISH AMBASSADOR ESENBEL CALLED ON IO ASSISTANT SECRETARY LEWIS JANUARY 26TH. RECALLING HIS EARLIER MEETING ON JANUARY 13TH (REPORTED REFTEL), AMBASSADOR ESENBEL STATED THAT HE WANTED TO BE SURE THERE HAD BEEN NO MISUNDERSTANDING ABOUT THE NATURE OF THE REQUEST WHICH HE HAD MADE CONCERNING TURKISH CYPRIOT PARTICIPATION IN THE HRC DEBATE ON CYPRUS. HE SAID THAT HIS GOVERNMENT HAD NOT REQUESTED OBSERVER STATUS FOR A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE TURKISH CYPRIOT COMMUNITY FOR THE ENTIRE HRC SESSION LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AND THAT THE TURKISH REQUEST SHOULD NOT RAISE ANY PROBLEM

ABOUT DUAL REPRESENTATION OF THE STATE OF CYPRUS. HIS REQUEST FOR TURKISH CYPRIOT PARTICIPATION IN THE HRC DEBATE WAS LIMITED TO THE SINGLE ITEM ON CYPRUS AND DERIVED FROM THE FACT THAT THE TURKISH CYPRIOT COMMUNITY WAS AN INDISPENSABLE PARTY TO THE CYPRUS QUESTION. THE HRC SHOULD HEAR THE VIEWS OF EVERY PARTY TO THE QUESTION. THEREFORE, SINCE THE TURKISH CYPRIOT COMMUNITY HAD NO REPRESENTATION ON THE COMMISSION IT SHOULD BE AFFORDED

AN OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE PART IN THE DISCUSSIONS.

2. ASSISTANT SECRETARY LEWIS ASSURED AMBASSADOR ESENBEL THAT WE HAD UNDERSTOOD HIS REQUEST IN THE SENSE IN WHICH HE HAD EXPLAINED IT. WE HAD GIVEN THOROUGH STUDY TO THE HRC RULES OF PROCEDURE AND OTHER PRECEDENTS. ALTHOUGH THE RULES OF PROCEDURE MADE NO SPECIFIC PROVISION FOR THE PARTICIPATION OF A REPRESENTATIVE SUCH AS ONE FROM THE TURKISH CYPRIOT COMMUNITY, IT WAS OUR CONCLUSION THAT THE HRC POSSESSED THE INHERENT POWER TO ALLOW PARTICIPATION IN ITS DISCUSSIONS OF ALL PARTIES TO A PARTICULAR QUESTION UNDER CONSIDERATION. CONSEQUENTLY, THE US REPRESENTATIVE AT THE HRC WOULD SUPPORT A MOTION BY THE TURKISH REPRESENTATIVE TO INVITE A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE TURKISH CYPRIOT COMMUNITY TO TAKE PART IN THE DISCUSSION OF THE CYPRUS QUESTION. AMBASSADOR ESENBEL EXPRESSED HIS APPRECIATION FOR THE US POSITION. KISSINGER

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